Supporting Information

Cross-Dehydrogenative Coupling Enables Enantioselective Access to CF₃-Substituted All-Carbon Quaternary Stereocenters

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General information

Proton (¹H NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 500 or 600 MHz respectively. Carbon (¹³C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 126 or 151 MHz respectively. Fluorine (¹⁹F NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 471 MHz respectively. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta (δ) scale. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for ¹H NMR: CDCl₃ = 7.26 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO = 2.50 ppm, CD₃OD = 3.31 ppm, C₆D₆ = 7.16 ppm; for ¹³C NMR: CDCl₃ = 77.23 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO = 39.51 ppm, CD₃OD = 49.0 ppm, C₆D₆ = 128.06 ppm. Analytical TLC was performed on precoated silica gel GF254 plates. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200–300 mesh). HRMS were carried out on an Orbitrap analyzer. UV spectra were obtained with an Agilent 8453E UV-Visible spectroscopy system. CD spectra were obtained on a Chirascan spectropolarimeter. Optical rotations were measured using a 2.5mL cell with a 10 cm path length on Hanon P850 Automatic Polarimeter and concentrations (c) were reported in g×(100 mL)⁻¹. Enantiometric excesses were determined by HPLC using a Daicel Chiralpak and Chiralcel column with hexane/i-PrOH as the eluent on Dionex instrument.

Substrate Preparation



Procedure I for preparation of substrate 1 or 10^[1-2]

To a solution of terminal alkyne S2 (6.3 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in anhydrous THF at -78 °C under N₂ was added ⁿBuLi (6 mmol, 2.4 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv) dropwise. The reaction was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Then a solution of the corresponding ketone S1 (3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) was added to the mixture dropwise. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min and then it was warmed up to room temperature slowly and stirred overnight. Upon completion, the mixture was quenched dropwise by a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. Then the residue was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at -20 °C and Et₃SiH (12 mmol, 4.0 equiv) and BF₃·Et₂O (7.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) were added to the solution. The reaction was stirred at the same temperature and monitored by TLC until the complete conversion. Then the reaction was quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL). The organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to give the desired product 1 or 10.

Procedure II for preparation of substrate 5^[3-4]

To a solution of aromatic aldehyde **S3** (2.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF at 0 °C under N₂ was added TMSCF₃ (2.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and TBAF (2.4 mmol, 2.4 mL, 1.0 mol/L in THF, 1.2 equiv) dropwise. Then the reaction was warmed to room temperature and monitored by TLC until the complete conversion. Then the mixture was quenched dropwise by a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to give the desired product **S4**. Then the product **S4** was dissolved in HFIP (5 mL) and TfOH (0.05 equiv) and PhOH (3.0 equiv) were added to the solution. The mixture was heated to reflux and monitored by TLC until the complete conversion. Then the reaction was quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL). The organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL). The organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to give the desired product **S4**.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.41 (brs, 1H), 4.52 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 132.1, 131.0, 129.0, 128.6, 124.6 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.4, 122.4, 115.8, 85.8, 82.1 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 43.5 (q, J = 31.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₀F₃O [M - H]⁻ 275.0689, found 275.0679.





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 4H), 4.48 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 156.2, 133.6, 131.0, 124.6 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.6, 115.7, 114.5, 114.2, 85.6, 80.6 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 55.5, 43.5 (q, J = 31.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 305.0795, found 305.0803.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (brs, 1H), 4.50 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 139.2, 132.0, 131.0, 129.3, 124.6 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.5, 119.3, 115.8, 85.9, 81.3 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 43.5 (q, J = 31.5 Hz), 21.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₂F₃O [M - H]⁻ 289.0846, found 289.0843.



4-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1d)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (brs, 1H), 4.49 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 135.1, 133.3, 130.9, 128.9, 124.5 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.1, 120.8, 115.9, 84.6, 83.1 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 43.5 (q, J = 31.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₉ClF₃O [M - H]⁻ 309.0300, found 309.0291.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1e)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (brs, 1H), 4.48 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0 (d, J = 250.1 Hz), 156.3, 134.1 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 130.9, 124.5 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.2, 118.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 115.8, 84.7, 81.8 (q, J = 1.7 Hz), 43.5 (q, J = 31.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8, -110.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₉F₄O [M - H]⁻ 293.0595, found 293.0587.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1f)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.26 (brs, 1H), 4.46 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.4, 156.2, 131.0, 129.7, 124.7, 124.6 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 124.3, 123.4, 116.9, 115.8, 115.6, 85.6, 81.9 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 55.6, 43.5 (q, J = 31.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 305.0795, found 305.0788.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1g)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 6.96 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (brs, 1H), 4.54 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7, 156.2, 134.0, 131.1, 130.4, 124.6 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 124.5, 120.7, 115.7, 111.7, 111.1, 86.1 (q, J = 3.4 Hz), 82.2, 56.1, 43.7 (q, J = 31.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 305.0795, found 305.0797.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1h)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.85 – 7.78 (m, 3H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (brs, 1H), 4.56 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 133.2, 133.1, 132.2, 131.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 128.0, 127.1, 126.9, 124.6 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 124.3, 119.6, 115.8, 86.1, 82.3 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 43.6 (q, J = 31.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₀H₁₂F₃O [M - H]⁻ 325.0846, found 325.0843.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(thiophen-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1i)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.66 (brs, 1H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 157.9, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 127.0, 124.8 (q, *J* = 280.0 Hz), 121.7, 120.2, 115.5, 82.2 (q, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 80.0, 41.3 (q, *J* = 30.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ -71.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₈F₃OS [M - H]⁻ 281.0253, found 281.0248.



2,6-Dimethoxy-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1j)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 4.85 (brs, 1H), 4.79 (q, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 149.2, 137.4, 132.7, 129.9, 129.6, 126.1 (q, J = 279.5 Hz),123.8, 123.5, 107.9, 86.3, 83.3 (q, J = 3.4 Hz), 56.9, 44.3 (q, J = 31.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -72.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₄F₃O₃ [M - H]⁻ 335.0901, found 335.0908.



2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1k)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.43 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 132.1, 129.7, 128.9, 128.5, 126.9 (q, J = 280.7 Hz), 123.5, 122.6, 85.5, 82.4 (q, J = 3.1 Hz), 43.6 (q, J = 31.4 Hz), 16.1; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₄F₃O [M - H]⁻ 303.1002, found 303.0998.



2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluorooct-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (11)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (s, 2H), 4.69 (brs, 1H), 4.18 (qt, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 8H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 129.6, 124.9 (q, J = 280.1 Hz), 124.2, 123.3, 86.2, 73.2 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 43.0 (q, J = 31.1 Hz), 30.8, 22.1, 18.6, 16.1, 13.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.1;HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₈F₃O [M - H]⁻ 283.1315, found 283.1321.



2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluorodec-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1m)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07 (s, 2H), 4.68 (brs, 1H), 4.17 (qt, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.24 (m, 8H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.26 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 129.6, 124.9 (q, J = 280.1 Hz), 124.2, 123.3, 86.3, 73.2 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 43.0 (q, J = 30.9 Hz), 31.5, 28.7, 28.7, 22.8, 18.9, 16.1, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₂₂F₃O [M - H]⁻311.1628, found 311.1620.



2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-9-hydroxynon-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (1n)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (s, 2H), 4.20 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 – 2.23 (m, 8H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.6, 129.4, 124.7 (q, J = 280.2 Hz), 123.8, 123.3, 85.7, 73.3 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 62.9, 42.7 (q, J = 31.2 Hz), 32.2, 28.2, 24.9, 18.7, 16.0; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₂₀F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 313.1421, found 313.1423.



4-(5-Chloro-1,1,1-trifluoropent-3-yn-2-yl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (10)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04 (s, 2H), 4.28 – 4.23 (m, 1H), 4.21 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 129.6, 124.4 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 123.6, 122.7, 80.3, 79.8 (q, J = 3.0 Hz), 43.0 (q, J = 31.6 Hz), 30.4, 16.1; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₁ClF₃O [M - H]⁻275.0456, found 275.0449.



4-(4-(Tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-1,1,1-trifluorobut-3-yn-2-yl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (1p)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 4.70 (brs, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 129.8, 124.5 (q, J = 280.4 Hz),123.4, 123.3, 99.0 (q, J = 3.1 Hz),89.5, 43.8 (q, J = 31.2 Hz), 26.2, 16.9, 16.1, -4.6; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₂₄F₃OSi [M - H]⁻³41.1554, found 341.1568.



4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-phenylethyl)phenol (5a)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (q, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 135.8 (q, J = 1.0 Hz), 130.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.0, 128.0 (q, J = 1.4 Hz), 126.4 (q, J = 280.4 Hz, 2H), 115.8, 54.9 (q, J = 27.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₁₀F₃O [M - H]⁻ 251.0689, found 251.0694.



4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (5b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (q, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 160.6, 158.1, 131.2, 131.2, 129.5, 128.1, 128.1 (q, J = 279.5 Hz), 116.3, 114.9, 55.6, 54.8 (q, J = 27.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -67.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻281.0795, found 281.0803.



4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phenol (5c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (q, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.2, 137.8, 132.9, 130.6, 129.6, 129.0, 128.2 (q, J = 1.5 Hz), 126.5 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 115.7, 54.6 (q, J = 27.5 Hz), 21.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₃O [M - H]⁻ 265.0846, found 265.0839.



4-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phenol (5d)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (brs, 1H), 4.60 (q, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 134.4, 134.1, 130.6, 130.6, 129.1, 127.4, 126.2 (q, J = 280.4 Hz), 115.9, 54.3 (q, J = 27.8 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₉ClF₃O [M - H]⁻285.0300, found 285.0306.



4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (5e)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (brs, 1H), 4.57 (q, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 155.4, 137.3, 130.6, 129.9, 127.8, 126.4 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 121.7, 115.8, 115.5, 113.1, 55.5, 54.9 (q, J = 27.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₂F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 281.0795, found 281.0799.



2,6-Dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-phenylethyl)phenol (5f)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 4.65 (brs, 1H), 4.57 (q, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.1, 136.1 (q, J = 1.2 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.2 (q, J = 1.3 Hz), 126.6 (q, J = 280.5 Hz), 123.5, 55.1 (q, J = 27.4 Hz), 16.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -66.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₃O [M - H]⁻ 279.1002, found 279.0993.





¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 4.84 – 4.73 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 159.1, 132.6, 132.1, 130.2 (t, J = 295.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 124.8, 123.6, 116.2, 86.7, 84.4 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 50.4 (t, J = 27.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -51.64 – -54.25 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₀ClF₂O [M - H]⁻ 291.0394, found 291.0399.



4-(4,4,5,5,5-Pentafluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-1-yn-3-yl)phenol (10b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.75 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 161.5, 159.2, 134.1, 132.0, 123.5, 125.4 – 116.1 (m), 116.4, 115.5, 115.1, 86.8, 81.3 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.5 Hz),55.8, 41.6 (dd, *J* = 26.6, 22.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -82.3 – -82.5 (m, 3F), -115.7 – -122.6 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₂F₅O₂ [M - H]⁻ 355.0763, found 355.0755.



4-(4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Heptafluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-1-yn-3-yl)phenol (10c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 5.48 (brs, 1H), 4.61 – 4.52 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 156.3, 133.5, 131.6, 123.8, 115.7, 114.6, 121.99 – 106.96 (m), 114.2, 86.3, 80.3 (d, J = 9.8 Hz), 55.5, 41.1 (dd, J = 27.7, 22.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.6 – -80.7 (m, 3F), -111.5 – -112.3 (m, 1F), -116.5 – -117.3 (m,1F), -122.6 – -125.3 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₂F₇O₂ [M - H]⁻405.0731, found 405.0744.

General procedure

General procedure for asymmetric CDC of racemic *p*-hydroxybenzyl CF₃ moieties with heteroarenes

A mixture of **1** or **5** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), activated MnO_2 (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and DDQ (0.025 mmol, 0.25 equiv) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) was stirred at 60 °C in a sealed tube and monitored by TLC. Upon starting material consumption, the mixture was cooled to -78 °C directly and stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. (Note: the paraquinomethide could be stable in this system.) Then 3Å molecular sieves (20 mg), K_2CO_3 (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and catalyst **3c** (0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv) were added in sequence quickly. (Attention: the order of addition is important.) Then the mixture was stirred at the same temperature and monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction was warm to room temperature and a solution of saturated aqueous NaCl solution (1 ml) was added to the mixture. Then the mixture was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give the desired product.



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4a)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 86% (33.7 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 136.6, 132.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.2 Hz), 125.7, 123.0 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 122.6, 122.6, 121.3, 120.1, 115.2, 112.6, 111.4, 86.5, 86.2 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₅F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 390.1111, found 390.1116; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 227 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 13.790 min, t_{major} = 16.100 min, ee = 92.6%; [α]_D³⁰ = -96.5 (c = 0.98, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4b)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 89% (37.5 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 155.7, 136.6, 133.5, 130.7, 129.3, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.0 Hz), 125.7, 123.0 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 122.6, 121.3, 120.0, 115.1, 114.8, 114.1, 112.8, 111.3, 86.4, 84.8 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 55.5, 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 420.1217, found 420.1211; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 266 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 12.620 min, t_{major} = 15.593 min, ee = 95.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -119.3 (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4c)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 85% (34.4 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.42 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 158.6, 140.1, 138.3, 132.6, 131.3, 130.2, 129.0, 127.2 (q, J = 282.9 Hz), 126.8, 124.2 (q, J = 2.5 Hz), 122.7, 121.7, 120.8, 119.9, 115.7, 112.7, 112.4, 87.2, 87.0 (q, J = 1.7 Hz), 52.4 (q, J = 29.1 Hz), 21.4; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -71.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 404.1268, found 404.1280; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 258 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 14.363 min, t_{major} = 17.240 min, ee = 89.9%; [α]_D³⁰ = -95.3 (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4d)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 80% (34.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (brs, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 136.4, 134.7, 133.1, 130.4, 128.6, 128.6, 125.5 (q, J = 284.2 Hz), 125.5, 122.9 (q, J = 2.6 H), 122.5, 121.0, 120.9, 119.9, 115.0, 112.2, 111.2, 87.1 (q, J = 1.5 Hz), 85.18, 51.1 (q, J = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄ClF₃NO [M - H]⁻ 424.0721, found 424.0715; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 253 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 12.620 min, t_{major} = 15.593 min, ee = 91.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = -125.8 (c = 1.02, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4e)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 76% (31.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (brs, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.93 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9 (d, J = 249.8 Hz), 155.8, 136.6, 134.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 130.7, 129.0, 125.7 (q, J = 284.0 Hz), 125.7, 123.0 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 122.7, 121.2, 120.1, 118.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.8 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 115.2, 112.5, 111.4, 86.0 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 85.5, 51.2 (q, J = 29.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7, -110.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄F₄NO [M - H]⁻ 408.1017, found 408.1008; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 13.690 min, t_{major} = 16.470 min, ee = 95.8%; [α]_D³⁰ = -105.5 (c = 0.98, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4f)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 85% (35.6 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.86 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (brs, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 155.7, 136.6, 130.7, 129.6, 129.0, 125.8 (q, J = 284.3 Hz), 125.7, 124.7, 123.6, 123.1 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 122.7, 121.3, 120.1, 116.9, 115.5, 115.2, 112.6, 111.4, 86.4, 86.1 (q, J = 1.7 Hz), 55.5, 51.3 (q, J = 29.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 420.1217, found 420.1222; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 225nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 16.943 min, t_{major} = 19.467 min, ee = 92.3%; [α]D³⁰ = -113.6 (c = 0.99, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4g)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 81% (34.0 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 155.6, 136.6, 133.7, 130.8, 130.2, 129.3, 125.8 (q, J = 284.3 Hz), 125.7, 123.1 (q, J = 2.4 Hz), 122.5, 121.7, 120.5, 119.9, 115.1, 112.7, 112.1, 111.2, 111.0, 90.1 (q, J = 1.4 Hz), 83.1, 56.0, 51.4 (q, J = 29.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 420.1217, found 420.1219; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 291 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 23.080 min, t_{major} = 26.093 min, ee = 96.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = -79.4 (c = 0.99, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4h)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 67% (29.5 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (brs, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.81 – 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 136.6, 133.2, 133.1, 132.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.3 Hz), 125.7, 123.1 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 122.7, 121.3, 120.1, 119.9, 115.2, 112.6, 111.4, 86.9, 86.5 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 51.3 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₈H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 440.1268, found 440.1257; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 290 nm), retention time: t_{minor} =10.457 min, t_{major} = 12.797min, ee = 92.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -63.7 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(thiophen-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4i)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 83% (32.8 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.8, 136.6, 130.7, 130.2, 129.6, 129.0, 125.7 (q, J = 284.2 Hz), 125.7, 125.5, 123.1 (q, J = 2.7 Hz), 122.6, 121.6, 121.3, 120.1, 115.2, 112.5, 111.4, 85.8 (q, J = 1.6 Hz), 81.7, 51.3 (q, J = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₃F₃NOS [M - H]⁻ 396.0675, found 396.0683; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{minor}=20.300 min, t_{major} = 22.877min, ee = 96.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = -93.8 (c = 0.98, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethoxy-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4j)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 63% (28.5 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (brs, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 5.59 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.7, 136.6, 135.1, 132.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.4 Hz), 125.8, 123.2 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 122.6, 122.6, 121.3, 120.1, 112.4, 111.4, 106.7, 86.7, 86.2, 56.6, 51.9 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.2; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₁₉F₃NO₃ [M - H]⁻ 450.1323, found 450.1327; HPLC: the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 7.267 min, t_{minor} = 10.190 min, ee = 83.0%; [α]_D³⁰ = -9.6 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4k)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 76% (32.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14 (brs, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 4.65 (brs, 1H), 2.20 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 136.6, 132.1, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 125.9 (q, J = 284.2 Hz), 125.8, 123.0 (q, J = 2.3 Hz),122.8, 122.7, 122.5, 121.4, 120.0, 112.8, 111.3, 86.5 (q, J = 1.1 Hz), 86.4, 51.3 (q, J = 28.1 Hz), 16.3; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₁₉F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 418.1424, found 418.1432; HPLC: the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, 1.0 mL/min, 241 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 10.850 min, t_{major} = 16.043 min, ee = 90.5%; [α]_D³⁰ = -67.4 (c = 0.99, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)oct-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4l)

It was prepared using **3b** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive and asymmetric nucleophilic addition was performed at 0 °C. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 73% (29.3 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (brs, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 136.6, 129.4, 128.5, 126.0 (q, *J* = 283.9 Hz), 125.8, 122.8 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 122.5, 122.4, 121.6, 119.7, 113.4, 111.2, 77.32 – 77.28 (m), 87.2, 50.6 (q, *J* = 28.7 Hz), 30.7, 22.1, 18.7, 16.3, 13.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₃F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 398.1737, found 398.1746; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), retention time: t_{major} =7.550 min, t_{minor} = 8.260min, ee = 92.7%; [α]_D³⁰ = +32.2 (c = 0.96, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)dec-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4m)

It was prepared using **3b** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive and asymmetric nucleophilic addition was performed at 0 °C. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 71% (30.2 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (brs, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 4.64 (brs, 1H), 2.32 – 2.28 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.92 – 0.87 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 136.6, 129.4, 128.5, 126.0 (q, *J* = 283.9 Hz), 125.8, 122.8 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 122.5, 122.4, 121.5, 119.7, 113.4, 111.2, 87.3, 77.35 – 77.30 (m), 50.6 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz), 31.5, 28.7, 28.6, 22.8, 19.1, 16.3, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 426.2050, found 426.2062; HPLC: the ee

value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 3/97, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{major} =11.460 min, t_{minor} = 13.030min, ee = 91.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = +27.1 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-6-hydroxy-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)hex-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (4n)

It was prepared using **3b** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive and asymmetric nucleophilic addition was performed at 0 °C. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 70% (30.1 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 1.62 – 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.40 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 136.6, 129.3, 128.4, 126.0 (q, *J* = 284.1 Hz), 125.8, 122.8 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 122.6, 122.4, 121.5, 119.6, 113.3, 111.3, 86.8, 77.7 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 63.0, 50.6 (q, *J* = 28.4 Hz), 32.4, 28.3, 25.0, 19.0, 16.3; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₂₅F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻428.1843, found 428.1840; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), retention time: t_{minor}=7.697 min, t_{major} = 9.317min, ee = 91.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = +50.8 (c = 1.01, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(5-Chloro-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)pent-3-yn-2-yl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (40)

It was prepared using **3b** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 66% (25.7 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (brs, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 136.5, 129.2, 127.3, 125.6 (q, *J* = 284.3 Hz), 125.6, 123.2 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 122.8, 122.6, 121.3, 120.1, 112.1, 111.4, 83.8 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 81.2, 50.8 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 30.7, 16.3; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₆ClF₃NO [M - H]⁻ 390.0878, found 390.0887; HPLC:

the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 225 nm), retention time: t_{major} =15.707 min, t_{minor} = 19.847min, ee = 86.2%; $[\alpha]_D^{30}$ = +42.8 (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-4-(4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)-2,6-dimethylph enol (4p)

It was prepared using **3b** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 70% (31.8 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (brs, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 136.5, 129.4, 127.9, 125.7 (q, *J* = 284.2 Hz), 125.6, 123.1 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 122.6, 122.5, 121.6, 119.7, 112.2, 111.3, 102.9, 90.2, 51.5 (q, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 26.3, 17.0, 16.3, -4.7, -4.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₉F₃NOSi [M - H]⁻ 456.1976, found 456.1968; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (ChiralcelOD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), retention time: t_{major}=12.580 min, t_{minor} = 14.453min, ee = 93.1%; [\alpha]_D³⁰ = +60.8 (c = 1.02, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylethyl)phenol (6a)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 77% (28.2 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 157.8, 141.7, 138.6, 132.1, 131.9, 130.8, 129.7 (q, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 122.9, 122.5, 119.9, 116.3, 115.5, 112.4, 61.1 (q, *J* = 25.0 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz,

CD₃OD) δ -61.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₅F₃NO [M - H]⁻366.1111, found 366.1123; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 227 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 20.460 min, t_{minor} = 24.720 min, ee = 93.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = -1.8 (c = 0.97, CHCl₃).



(R)-4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (6b)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 70% (27.8 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.20 (brs, 1H), 9.57 (brs, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.71 (m, 4H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 158.3, 156.6, 136.9, 131.5, 130.3, 129.6, 129.6, 128.3 (q, *J* = 286.3 Hz), 126.8, 125.8, 121.1, 121.1, 118.8, 114.8, 114.2, 113.4, 111.9, 58.5 (q, *J* = 24.3 Hz), 55.0; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -60.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 396.1217, found 396.1211; HPLC: the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 230 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 8.960 min, t_{minor} = 10.687 min, ee = 91.2%; [α]_D³⁰ = -1.6 (c = 0.11, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)phenol (6c)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 67% (25.7 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.81 – 6.77 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.66 (m, 3H), 2.32 – 2.28 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ

157.7, 138.7, 138.6, 138.2, 132.2, 132.1, 130.7, 129.8 (q, J = 285.5 Hz), 129.5, 127.9, 127.7, 123.0, 122.4, 119.9, 116.5, 115.5, 112.4, 60.8 (q, J = 24.6 Hz), 20.9; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -61.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 380.1268, found 380.1263; HPLC:the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 0.3 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{major}=36.220 min, t_{minor} = 38.910min, ee = 90.3%; [α]_D³⁰ = -2.3 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



(R)-4-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)phenol (6d)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 62% (24.7 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.88 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.69 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 158.1, 140.5, 138.6, 134.6, 132.5, 132.0, 131.4, 129.53 (q, *J* = 285.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 122.7, 122.6, 120.1, 115.8, 115.7, 112.5, 60.8 (q, *J* = 25.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -61.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₂H₁₄ClF₃NO [M - H]⁻ 400.0721, found 400.0713; HPLC: the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 0.8 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{major} =10.847 min, t_{minor} = 12.213min, ee = 91.0%; [α]_D³⁰ = -4.1 (c = 1.00, CHCl₃).



(R)-4-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethyl)phenol (6e)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 58% (23.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.94 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.73 – 6.69 (m, 3H), 3.63 – 3.60 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ

160.7, 157.8, 143.2, 138.6, 132.1, 131.9, 129.7, 129.7 (q, J = 285.6 Hz), 128.0, 127.6, 123.2, 122.9, 122.5, 119.9, 117.4, 116.2, 115.5, 113.4, 112.4, 61.1 (q, J = 25.3 Hz), 55.5; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -61.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₃H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 396.1217, found 396.1219; HPLC: the the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, 1.0 mL/min, 232 nm), retention time: t_{major}=11.793 min, t_{minor} = 13.543min, ee = 91.0%; [α]_D³⁰ = -1.2 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃).



(S)-2,6-Dimethyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylethyl)phenol (6f)

It was prepared using **3d** with 1.1 equiv of **2a** without K₂CO₃ additive. Then it was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 77% (30.3 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (brs, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 6H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.7, 140.3, 136.9, 131.4, 130.2 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.9 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 128.4 (q, *J* = 286.6 Hz), 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.6, 122.7 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 122.5, 122.3, 120.0, 116.7, 111.3, 60.1 (q, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 16.4; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -60.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₉F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 394.1424, found 394.1432; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 13.397 min, t_{minor} = 14.537 min, ee = 96.5%; [α]_D³⁰ = -3.6 (c = 1.01, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7a)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 88% (37.1mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.1 (brs, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.79 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 153.8, 131.9, 131.5, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 126.1, 125.6 (q, *J* = 284.2 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 122.5, 115.0, 112.7, 112.1, 111.8, 102.9,

86.3, 86.0 (q, J = 1.9 Hz), 55.7, 51.0 (q, J = 29.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 420.1217, found 420.1215; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 215nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 8.703 min, t_{major} = 10.577 min, ee = 95.3%; [α]_D³⁰ = -112.5 (c = 1.08, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(5-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7b)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 85% (34.3 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (brs, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 134.9, 132.0, 130.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 125.9, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.2 Hz), 124.3, 123.3 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 122.7, 120.9, 115.2, 111.9, 111.0, 86.5–86.4 (m), 51.3 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 21.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 404.1268, found 404.1263; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 239 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 25.420 min, t_{major} = 27.323 min, ee = 90.3%; [α]_D³⁰ = -146.5 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(5-iodo-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7c)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 82% (42.2 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (brs, 1H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 135.5, 131.9, 131.0, 130.4, 129.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 125.4 (q, J = 284.1 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 2.5 Hz), 122.2, 115.2, 113.3, 111.8, 86.8, 85.7 (q, J = 1.7 Hz), 83.6, 50.9 (q, J = 29.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄F₃INO [M - H]⁻ 516.0078, found 516.0086; HPLC: the et value was determined by HPLC analysis

(Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), retention time: $t_{major} = 5.477$ min, $t_{minor} = 8.657$ min, ee = 95.1%; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = -122.2$ (c = 1.01, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2-(5-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7d)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 80% (37.5 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (brs, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 135.1, 131.9, 130.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 125.5, 125.4 (q, *J* = 284.2 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 123.6, 122.2, 115.2, 113.3, 112.7, 112.2, 86.7, 85.6 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 50.9 (q, *J* = 29.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄BrF₃NO [M - H]⁻ 468.0216, found 468.0220; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 236 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 5.623 min, t_{minor} = 6.840 min, ee = 95.4%; [α]_D³⁰ = -125.0 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-3-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-5-carbonitrile (7e)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 76% (31.8 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 159.1, 140.1, 132.6, 131.2, 130.1, 129.7, 128.1, 127.1, 126.9 (q, *J* = 283.3 Hz), 126.7, 125.6, 123.3, 121.5, 116.1, 114.0, 113.9, 103.0, 87.8, 86.9 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 52.2 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -71.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₄F₃N₂O [M - H]⁻ 415.1064, found 415.1069; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 247 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 4.800 min, t_{minor} = 5.500 min, ee = 92.8%; [α]_D³⁰ = -124.9 (c = 1.01, THF).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(6-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7f)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 81% (32.8 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (brs, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (brs, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 137.1, 132.5, 132.1, 130.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.3 Hz), 123.6, 122.7, 122.5 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 121.9, 120.9, 115.2, 112.5, 111.3, 86.4, 86.4, 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz), 21.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 404.1268, found 404.1259; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 8.347 min, t_{major} = 11.900 min, ee = 95.8%; [α]_D³⁰ = -113.3 (c = 0.97, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2-(6-Bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7g)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 78% (36.7 mg). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 158.8, 139.1, 132.7, 131.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 127.1 (q, *J* = 283.1 Hz), 125.8, 125.2 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 123.6, 123.2, 123.0, 116.3, 115.8, 115.4, 113.0, 87.3, 87.3, 52.2 (q, *J* = 29.2 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -67.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄BrF₃NO [M - H]⁻ 468.0216, found 468.0214; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 6.293 min, t_{major} = 8.167 min, ee = 95.0%; [α]_D³⁰ = -136.9 (c = 1.01, THF).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(6-fluoro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7h)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 75% (30.7 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (brs, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3 (d, *J* = 238.9 Hz), 155.9, 136.6 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz), 132.1, 130.7, 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 125.7 (q, *J* = 284.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 122.5, 122.3, 122.1 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 115.2, 112.9, 109.1 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 97.7 (d, *J* = 26.2 Hz), 86.7, 86.1 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8, -120.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₄F₄NO [M - H]⁻ 408.1017, found 408.1007; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IB, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 218 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 12.190 min, t_{major} = 13.153 min, ee = 93.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -168.1 (c = 1.05, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenyl-2-(2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)but-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (7i)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 70% (32.6 mg).¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (brs, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.17 (m, 7H), 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 138.7, 135.1, 133.9, 131.9, 131.6, 130.6, 130.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.2 (q, *J* = 284.5 Hz), 122.6, 122.4, 122.3 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 120.3, 115.1, 110.8, 109.2, 87.8 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 87.6, 51.6 (q, *J* = 29.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -67.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₁₉F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 466.1424, found 466.1431; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1.0 mL/min, 237 nm), retention time: t_{major} = 6.660 min, t_{minor} = 7.757 min, ee = 92.3%; [a]_D³⁰ = -16.2 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



1-Methyl-2-phenyl-5-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrrole (9')

9 was prepared using **3d** with 1.0 equiv of **8** without K₂CO₃ additive. The mixture was treated with NaH and MeI for purification due to the product instability issue. Yield: 65% (29.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.56 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 6.28 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 136.9, 133.4, 132.1, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 125.1 (q, *J* = 284.1 Hz), 122.3, 114.0, 109.0 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 107.8, 87.3, 84.7, 55.5, 52.4 (q, *J* = 28.9 Hz), 33.7; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₈H₂₃F₃NO [M + H]⁺ 446.1726, found 446.1739; HPLC: the evalue was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 0.5/99.5, 1.0 mL/min, 279 nm), retention time: t_{minor} =7.360 min, t_{major} = 8.460 min, ee = 93.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -13.3 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(1-Chloro-1,1-difluoro-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (11a)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 63% (25.8mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (brs, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 136.4, 132.0, 131.2, 130.9 (t, *J* = 300.6 Hz),129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 126.0, 123.4 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 122.7, 122.6, 121.4, 120.0, 115.0, 113.2, 111.3, 87.4 (t, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 87.2, 56.7 (t, *J* = 25.4 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.50 – -56.79 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₅ClF₂NO [M - H]⁻406.0816, found 406.0809; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 6.623 min, t_{major} = 15.933min, ee = 84.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -21.5 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(4,4,5,5,5-Pentafluoro-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylpent-1-yn-3-yl)phenol (11b)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 68% (32.1mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (brs, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (brs, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 155.7, 136.5, 133.4, 130.8, 128.7, 125.9, 123.2 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 122.5, 121.5, 119.9, 124.1 – 112.7 (m), 115.1, 114.8, 114.1, 113.1, 111.3, 88.1, 84.4 – 84.2 (m), 55.5, 50.2 – 49.7 (m); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -76.5 – -76.6 (m, 3F), -110.0 – -115.7 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₁₇F₅NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 470.1185, found 470.1188; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 256 nm), retention time: t_{minor}=7.460 min, t_{major} = 13.857min, ee = 91.1%; [α]_D³⁰ = -88.3 (c = 1.04, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-4-(4,4,5,5,6,6,6-Heptafluoro-3-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)hex-1-yn-3-yl)phenol (11c)

It was purified by silica gel chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4). Yield: 66% (34.3 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (brs, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (brs, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 155.6, 136.5, 133.4, 131.0, 128.5, 125.8, 123.3, 122.5, 121.5, 119.9, 122.9 – 107.5 (m), 115.1, 114.8, 114.2, 113.1, 111.4, 88.2, 84.3 – 84.2 (m), 55.5, 50.9 (t, *J* = 23.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.9 – -81.0 (m, 3F), -106.2 – -109.8 (m, 2F), -117.8 – -121.3 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₇H₁₇F₇NO₂ [M - H]⁻ 520.1153 found 520.1149; HPLC: the ee

value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, 1.0 mL/min, 253 nm), retention time: $t_{minor} = 5.647 \text{ min}, t_{major} = 8.487 \text{ min}, ee = 93.0\%; [\alpha]_D^{30} = -56.6 (c = 1.01, CHCl_3).$

Absolute configuration determination

Absolute configuration determination of 4a

The absolute configuration of 4a was determined by preparing the same product **B** from the reported optical pure substrate (*S*)-**A** and 4a respectively.^[5-6]



Regent and condition: (a) iodobenzene (1.1 equiv), $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (0.02 equiv), CuI (0.015mml, 0.05 equiv), THF/Et₃N (1 mL/ 1 mL), N₂, 60 °C, 12 h.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1H-indole (B)

Prepared starting from (*S*)-A according to procedure **a**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 137.5, 132.1, 130.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 126.3, 125.9 (q, *J* = 284.4 Hz), 122.8, 122.1, 121.4, 119.6, 113.6, 110.9, 109.5, 86.5 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 86.4, 55.4, 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.1 Hz), 33.2; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₁F₃NO [M+H]⁺ 420.1570, found 420.1566; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 2/98, 1.0 mL/min, 215nm), retention time: t_{major} = 6.753 min, t_{minor} = 10.740 min, ee = 88.8%; [α]_D³⁰ = +98.3 (c = 0.50, CHCl₃).



Regent and condition: (b) MeI (5.0 equiv), NaH (2.5 equiv), THF.

Prepared starting from **4a** according to procedure **b**. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR were the same as the (*R*)-**B** above. HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 2/98, 1.0 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: $t_{minor} = 6.353 \text{ min}$, $t_{major} = 9.693 \text{ min}$, ee = 94.4%; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = -120.2$ (c = 0.22, CHCl₃). The results of HPLC and $[\alpha]_D$ were opposite to (*R*)-**B**, which allowed the assignment of the absolute configuration of **4a** as *S* according to the known literature.





| Integration Results | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------|--|--|
| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount | | |
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. | | |
| 1 | | 6.753 | 158.969 | 94.41 | n.a. | | |
| 2 | | 10.740 | 9.409 | 5.59 | n.a. | | |
| Total: | | | 168.378 | 100.00 | | | |



| Integration Results | | | | | | | | |
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| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount | | | |
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. | | | |
| 1 | | 6.353 | 4.201 | 2.82 | n.a. | | | |
| 2 | | 9.693 | 144.613 | 97.18 | n.a. | | | |
| Total: | | | 148.814 | 100.00 | | | | |

Absolute configuration determination of 6a

The absolute configuration of **6a** was determined to be *S* on the basis of UV and circular dichroism (CD) analyses. The simulated electrostatic circular dichroism (ECD) curve of (*S*)-**6a** and (*R*)-**6a** through DFT calculation were correspondingly expressed as the red curve **6a**_{*S*} and the blue curve **6a**_{*R*}. The experiment ECD curve of **6a** through handling the experimental data from UV and CD spectra was expressed as the black curve **6a**. According to the figure shown below, the trend of the experiment ECD curve of **6a** was consistent with the simulated ECD curve of **6a**_{*S*}, which allowed the assignment of the absolute configuration of **6a** as *S*.


Computational methods:

The calculations were conducted using density functional theory (DFT) as implemented in the gaussian 09.^[7] Geometry optimization and frequency calculation were carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G* level. Electronic excitation energies and rotational strengths in methanol were calculated using TDDFT at cam-B3LYP/PCM-6-31+G(d,p) level in velocity formalism for the first 50 states. The CD curves were simulated by using the Gaussian function:^[8]

$$\Delta \varepsilon(E) = \frac{1}{2.296 \times 10^{-39}} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{\pi}} \times \sum_{i} \Delta E_{i} R_{i} e^{-[(E - \Delta E_{i})/\sigma]^{2}}$$

where σ is the width of the band at 1/e height and ΔEi and Ri are the excitation energies and rotatory strengths for transition *i*, respectively. Here a value of $\sigma = 0.6$ eV.

Synthetic application



(R)-3-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2,4-diphenylbutan-2-yl)-1H-indole (12)

To a solution of 4a (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were added pyridine (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and a solution of Tf₂O (0.115 mmol, 1.15 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then water (10 mL) was added. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL×3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:10) as eluent. Then a mixture of the product, 10% Pd/C (9.3 mg, 10 wt %), NH₄OAc (15.4 mg), and Mg (12.0 mg) in methanol (5.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen balloon for 12 h. The mixture was passed through a short length of silica gel using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:10) as eluent to afford 12 (32.6 mg, 86% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (brs, 1H), 7.44 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.91 - 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.81 - 6.78 (m, 1H), 2.88 - 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.64 - 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.38 - 2.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.4, 139.1, 136.6, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3 (q, J = 285.1Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 126.1, 124.3 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 122.4, 121.6, 119.9, 114.0, 111.4, 53.8 (q, J = 24.5 Hz), 38.3, 31.8; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -68.1; HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₂₁F₃N [M + H]⁺: 380.1621, found 380.1623; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, 1 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: $t_{maior} = 9.737 \text{ min}, t_{minor} = 11.590 \text{ min},$ $ee = 93.4\%; [\alpha]_D^{30} = +8.5 (c = 0.96, CHCl_3).$



(S)-3-(2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)-1H-indole (13)

To a solution of 4a (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were added pyridine (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and a solution of Tf₂O (0.115 mmol, 1.15 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then water (10 mL) was added. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL \times 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:10) as eluent. Then to a solution of the product, phenylboronic acid (0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (97.7 mg, 0.3 mmol, 3 equiv) in dioxane (1 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (17.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.15 equiv) and degassed with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 48 h and then filtered through a short pad of celite, which was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:50) as eluent to afford **13** (38.9 mg, 86% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.61 - 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 - 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35 - 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.88 - 6.84 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 142.5, 141.6, 138.3, 137.3, 132.7, 130.6, 129.9, 129.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1 (q, *J* = 283.3 Hz), 126.7, 124.5 (q, J = 2.3 Hz), 123.6, 122.9, 121.5, 120.1, 112.5, 112.0, 87.5, 87.2 (q, J = 1.8 Hz), 52.9 (q, J = 28.9 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CD₃OD) δ -71.4; HRMS (EI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₁₉F₃N [M - H]⁻: 450.1475, found 450.1483; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak IG, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, 1 mL/min, 215 nm), retention time: $t_{minor} = 8.923 \text{ min}, t_{major} = 10.400 \text{ min}, ee = 10.400 \text{ min}$ 93.2%; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = -54.6$ (c = 0.99, CHCl₃).

Mechanistic studies



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ylidene)cyclohexa-2,5-dienone (14)

A solution of **1a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MnO₂ (0.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and DDQ (0.025 mmol, 0.25 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. Then it was purified directly by silica gel chromatography using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether 1:9). Yield: 11% (2.9 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.37 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.93 – 6.87 (m, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 185.6, 139.1, 136.1, 132.2, 131.9 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 128.9, 121.9 (q, *J* = 275.7 Hz), 121.5, 121.4 (q, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 110.1, 84.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, C₆D₆) δ -55.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₀F₃O [M + H]⁺ 275.0678, found 275.0673.



1-Methoxy-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)benzene (15)

To a solution of **15**' (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added Et₃SiH (1.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and BF₃·Et₂O (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL) at -40 °C. Then it was warmed to room temperature. Upon starting material consumption monitored by TLC, the mixture was quenched by a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether as eluent to give the desired product **15** (68% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.2, 132.1, 130.7, 129.0, 128.5, 124.6 (q, *J* = 280.4 Hz), 124.1, 122.4, 114.3, 85.7, 82.1 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 55.5, 43.5 (q, *J* = 31.6 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.8; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₄F₃O [M + H]⁺ 291.0991, found 291.0987.



(S)-4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(1-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (20)

It was prepared according to the general procedure and purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using CH₂Cl₂. Yield: 60% (24.4 mg) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 137.4, 132.1, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7 (q, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 126.2, 125.8 (q, *J* = 284.3 Hz), 122.7, 122.2, 121.3, 119.6, 115.1, 110.8, 109.5, 86.4, 51.2 (q, *J* = 29.5 Hz), 33.1; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -70.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₅H₁₇F₃NO [M - H]⁻ 404.1268, found 404.1275; HPLC: the ee value was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 20/80, 1 mL/min, 243 nm), retention time: t_{minor} = 4.707 min, t_{major}= 6.463 min, ee = 5.1%.



4-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-hydroxy-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (21)

To a solution of alkyne (2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF at -78 °C under N₂ was added ⁿBuLi (2 mmol, 0.8 mL, 2.5 M in hexane, 2.0 equiv) dropwise. The reaction was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Then a solution of ketone (1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) was added to the mixture dropwise. The reaction was kepted at -78°C for 15 min and then warmed up to room temperature slowly overnight. Upon completion, the mixture was quenched by a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution. The organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by a column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether as eluent to give the desired product **21** (70% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* =

8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (brs, 1H), 3.50 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 132.2, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 127.8, 123.6 (q, *J* = 285.5 Hz), 121.1, 115.4, 88.3, 84.6, 73.4 (q, *J* = 32.6 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₀F₃O₂ [M - H]⁻ 291.0638, found 291.0645.

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NMR spectra





































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HPLC spectra for ee determination










| Total: | | 1639.162 | 100.00 | |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|-----|
| 2 | 16.470 | 1604.920 | 97.91 | n.a |
| 1 | 13.690 | 34.242 | 2.09 | n.a |
| | min | mAU*min | % | n.a |





| Total: | | 156.008 | 100.00 | |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| 2 | 26.093 | 153.050 | 98.10 | n.a. |
| 1 | 23.080 | 2.958 | 1.90 | n.a. |
| | min | mAU^min | % | n.a. |





| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount |
|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. |
| 1 | | 20.300 | 1.791 | 1.91 | n.a. |
| 2 | | 22.877 | 92.179 | 98.09 | n.a. |
| Total: | | | 93.969 | 100.00 | |















| Total: | | 368.091 | 100.00 | |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| 2 | 14.453 | 12.629 | 3.43 | n.a. |
| 1 | 12.580 | 355.461 | 96.57 | n.a. |
| | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. |













| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount |
|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. |
| 1 | | 13.397 | 401.569 | 98.24 | n.a. |
| 2 | | 14.537 | 7.192 | 1.76 | n.a. |
| Total: | | | 408.761 | 100.00 | |





| Amount |
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| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount |
|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. |
| 1 | | 5.477 | 34.035 | 97.56 | n.a. |
| 2 | | 8.657 | 0.850 | 2.44 | n.a. |
| Total: | | | 34.885 | 100.00 | |





| Fotal: | | 192.362 | 100.00 | |
|--------|-------|---------|--------|------|
| 2 | 5.500 | 6.921 | 3.60 | n.a. |
| 1 | 4.800 | 185.441 | 96.40 | n.a. |
| | | | 70 | n.a. |

















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| Integration Results | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| No. | Peak Name | Retention Time | Area | Relative Area | Amount |
| | | min | mAU*min | % | n.a. |
| 1 | | 4.707 | 166.529 | 47.45 | n.a. |
| 2 | | 6.463 | 184.445 | 52.55 | n.a. |
| Total: | | | 350.974 | 100.00 | |